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**THE EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION IN WHICH AN EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY  
OR PRIVILEGE IS CLAIMED ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:-**

**WHAT I CLAIM AS MY INVENTION:-**

1. A foot operated fishing net tipper comprising:

5 > a. a primary boat-attaching portion having,

i. an outer bracket,

ii. an inner bracket,

iii. an outer clamp adapted with a channel to slide in a mating channel  
within the outer bracket,

10 iv. an inner clamp also having a channel adapted to slide unidirectionally  
in a mating channel within the inner bracket,

v. a ratchet mechanism adapted with a hinged member hinged to the  
planar member within an opening where said hinge member is  
adapted with a plurality of teeth mating with a reversed pattern of  
15 teeth atop the channel of the inner clamp,

vi. a pair of upwardly projecting plates integrally attached to a planar  
member thereby forming two raised fins above said planar member  
through which a horizontal reinforced perforation is provided to  
rotably engage a net axle holding a net holding portion,

20 > b. a secondary boat-attaching portion having,

> i. a planar form having perforations therethrough to accept fasteners for  
> attachment to a boat with wide gunwale.

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- > ii. a pair of upwardly projecting plates integrally attached to a planar member thereby forming two raised fins above said planar member through which a horizontal reinforced perforation is provided to rotably engage a net axle holding a net holding portion.

5 b.c. a net-holding portion having:

- i. a lower and an upper hemi-cylindrical half forming a generally hollow tubular member where said lower half is fixedly attached to a net axle housing member through which a net axle passes and also connected with a hinge and latch pins, the upper half of the net holding portion is adapted with a mating hinge,
- 10 ii. latches having a opening through which the latch pins of the lower half of the net holding portion frictionally engage,
- iii. a turn bolt having a knob and a threaded stem protruding a similarly threaded opening at the upper half of the net holding portion,
- 15 iv. a strike located on the lower rearmost surface of the lower half of the net holding portion having a rearward hook portion, a horizontal perforation, a lock portion having a pivoting latch, and a lever fixedly attached to a net axle housing so as to rotably with connecting members where said connecting members form a net axle upon which
- 20 a locking latch assembly rotates,

e.d. connecting members having rear stabilizer struts and a center transmission arm,

d.e. a foot pedal assembly having:

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- i. a curved toe portion,
- ii. a planar heel portion joined by vertically planar joining members to which upwardly protruding tongues are integrally attached,
- iii. a foot pedal having an arm and a pedal axle housing and a planar pad and an upwardly protruding tongue all integrally attached to said arm by a pedal axle traversing perforations at each joining member.

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2. The foot operated fishing net tipper of claim 1 wherein said boat-attaching portion is adapted to clamp onto any small boat side top edge.

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3. The foot operated fishing net tipper of claim 1 wherein a the secondary boat-attaching portion ~~may comprises~~ of a planar sheet like portion incorporating the upper portions of the primary boat attaching portion but and adapted to securedly attach to a wide surface with suitable fasteners.

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4. The foot operated fishing net tipper of claim 1 wherein the foot pedal portion is adapted with vertical members having a plurality of perforations therethrough to enable height adjustability between a the boat-attaching portion and a the foot pedal assembly.

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5. The foot operated fishing net tipper of claim 1 wherein the net-holding portion is adapted with a latch that holds said net-holding portion in a horizontal position when so desired.